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## Enhancements to Public Records Databases

The following enhancements have been made to the public records databases available on the Lexis-Nexis services to help you obtain more thorough and consistent results. These changes apply only to public records databases. Other types of data -- news, company reports, transcripts, etc. -- are not impacted by these changes.

**EQUIVALENTS**- For example, using words like "avenue", "street", and "road" in your searches in the public records data will also find their standard abbreviations "ave", "st", or "rd" -- and *vice versa*. With the exception of Oregon, state abbreviations are now equivalents for the state's name.

**SEARCHING LEADING ZEROS** - For example, a search for the ZIP code "01045", will now look for exactly that number, leading zero and all!

**DEPLURALIZATION**- Automatic pluralization of search terms has been "turned off" in the public records database. This means that if you were looking for information on someone named "Connor", you will not automatically receive information on someone named "Connors" as well.

**REMOVAL OF NOISE WORDS** - All standard noise words, (those words that are used so commonly in text that they have been deemed non-searchable by the Lexis-Nexis system), are now searchable in the public records databases. The following standard noise words have been added to the equivalency list for public records data: "assoc", "associate", "association", "co", "company", "corp", "corporation", "inc", "incorporated", "limited", and "Ltd". "Of" and "the" continue to be noise words.

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